

BLUMBERG, BETTY FOSTER married November 5,  
1965. to Benjamin Blumberg

From Article in Terre Haute Star, Nov. 6,  
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Associate Professor of Art at Ind. S. U. '50  
B.S., M.S., & Dr. of Ed. degrees at Ind.  
Univ. at Bloomington.

Studied at: Chicago Art Institute, John  
Heron Art Institute, Cambridge, England,  
was a student of ~~Father Birren~~ of New York,  
color psychologist. *FABER NIRREN*

Has been art critic for Indianapolis News;  
Past President of Wabash Valley Lecture  
Club; Terre Haute BIP; ~~Women~~ and Art Sect-  
ion of the Ind. State Teachers Assoc.;

and a board member of the Lecture Club and the American Red Cross.

Her memberships also include National Arts Club of New York City; Indiana Artists Club; American Pen Women; Chi Omega Sorority; and Alpha Psi Omega Sorority. She has traveled in 47 countries and was a delegate from the National Education Assoc. to a UNESCO meeting at the Hague, as well as to six international congresses of ~~BWP~~ at Paris, Oslo, Stockholm and London. *(Business & Professional Women (B.P.W.))*

She has won the William Louis Schwitzer and J. I. Holcomb prizes in painting, and is best known for her work in calligraphy, which has been exhibited in 3 one-man shows & at Buckingham Palace.

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HUSBAND'S NAME Benjamin Blumberg  
When Born April 22nd, 1889 Where Terre Haute, Indiana  
Christened \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
When Died \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
When Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
When Married August 16th, 1916 Where \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Wives (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
His Father Max Blumberg His Mother's Maiden Name Theresa Ravitch

Benjamin Blumberg  
(Husband's Full Name)

Fannie Louise Burgheim  
(Wife's Maiden Name)

This information obtained from

Family records

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME Fannie Louise Burgheim  
When Born February 11, 1894 Where Indianapolis, Indiana  
Christened \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
When Died \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
When Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Where \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Husb. (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
Her Father Louis Burgheim Her Mother's Maiden Name Rachel Heims

Date June 6th, 1956  
Compiler John G. Biel  
Address Terre Haute, Ind  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Arrange in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	DIED			MARRIED
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	1	<u>Morris Burgheim</u>			<u>10 May, 1917</u>		<u>Terre Haute</u>	<u>Ind.</u>			Date <u>July 30th, 1980</u> To <u>Dorothy Mautner</u>
	2	<u>Rachel Heims</u>			<u>10 Aug. 1918</u>		<u>Terre Haute</u>	<u>Ind.</u>			Date <u>July 3, 1938</u> To <u>Haskell F. Norman</u>
	3	<u>Teressa Ravitch</u>			<u>17 Oct. 1920</u>		<u>Terre Haute</u>	<u>Ind.</u>			Date <u>Dec 29th, 1945</u> To <u>Stanley H. Hoffman</u>
	4	<u>Gretchen Lou</u>			<u>3 Aug. 1929</u>		<u>Indianapolis</u>	<u>Ind.</u>			Date <u>Dec. 19th, 1948</u> To <u>Vivtor W. Tatelman</u>
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Place Additional Genealogical and Historical Data on Reverse Side

**HUSBAND** Max Blumberg  
 Birth May 15th, 1856 Place Vilna, Russia  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Death June 2nd, 1934 Place Terre Haute, Indiana  
 Burial \_\_\_\_\_ Place Highland Lawn, Terre Haute, Ind.  
 Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother (Maiden Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mar. November 22nd, 1882 Place St. Petersburg, Russia  
 Other Wives (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Where was information shown on this family record obtained?

Family records

**WIFE** Theresa Ravitch  
 Birth November 22nd, 1856 Place Vilna, Russia  
 Chr. \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Death December 18th, 1935 Place Terre Haute, Indiana  
 Burial \_\_\_\_\_ Place Highland Lawn, Terre Haute, Ind.  
 Father Gabriel O. Ravitch Mother (Maiden Name) Rebecca Goldman  
 Other Hus. (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of person submitting this sheet:

Benjamin Blumberg  
307 Star Bldg.  
Terre Haute, Indiana

Male or Female	CHILDREN (Give names in full in order of birth)	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		State or Country	DIED			MARRIED
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	2 Benjamin	22	April	1889	Terre Haute,	Ind					Date <u>August 16, 1916</u> To <u>Fannie Louise Burghelm</u>
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November 27th, 1934.

Mr. Ben Blumberg,  
Executor of Max Blumberg Estate,  
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Blumberg:

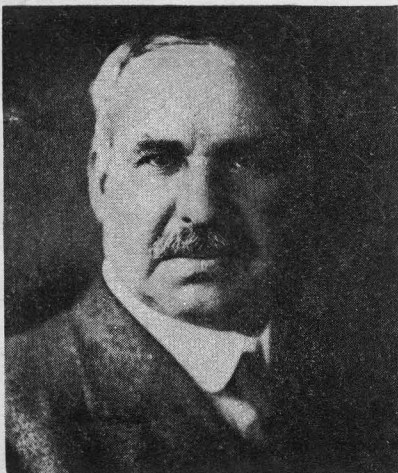
Your letter addressed to Mr. Ike Silverstein enclosing Phoenix Building & Realty Company's cancelled note was duly presented to the Board of Directors of said Company. Authorized by the board and in behalf of the members of the Phoenix Building & Realty Company we wish to express our appreciation of this fine gift.

This gift made possibly by your beloved father shall always be remembered and never be forgotten.

Sincerely yours,

Phoenix Building & Realty Co.,

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary.



MAX BLUMBERG

1857 - - 1934

# M. Blumberg Company

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Terre Haute, Indiana

November 22, 1934.

Mr. Isaac Silverstein, Pres.  
Phoenix Building and Realty Co.  
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Mr. Silverstein:

Pursuant to Item III in Father's will, I as executor have paid to the Terre Haute Savings Bank, on October 31st, the sum of \$9,500 principal and \$285.00 interest due on the note dated October 31, 1927, on which Father was an endorser.

We are very pleased to fulfill this bequest, and thus assist the Building and Realty Company, knowing the great interest Father took in this institution.

I therefore enclose herewith the cancelled note with our best wishes.

Very truly yours,

BB:F  
ENCL.

*Ben Blumberg*  
Executor  
Max Blumberg Estate

# Ben Blumberg looked to beautiful future

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By Lois Harris  
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## From the archives

Community Affairs File

When Benjamin Blumberg wrote the paper City Gates, which he read before the Terre Haute Literary Club in 1921, he could have had no inkling that in 20 years he would have an opportunity to contribute directly to Terre Haute's "civic art and municipal improvement," the subject of his paper. His opportunity came at an unlikely time, in an unlikely place: a former gas station at Sixth and Cherry streets, in the 1940s during World War II.

Businessman long active in disparate community projects, like the Boys' Club program and promotion of the city's industrial development, Ben had been congratulated by President Hefty of the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce during a meeting of the board of directors in March 1940: "I should like to acknowledge what I think is a great honor to this organization ... I think we can point with pride to this gentleman, Ben Blumberg, who was voted the most useful citizen in Terre Haute during the year 1939 by the Civic Council."

Ben responded, saying he would be glad to go along and do as he had always done for the community, but that he was getting a little embarrassed about the matter and hoped he would not have to leave town.

Far from leaving town, Ben merely took on another large task. As Vigo County chairman of the United Service Organization, Inc. (USO), he was prime mover in organizing the local Troops-in-Transit committee, a group of Catholics, Jews and Protestants; YW, YM, Salvation Army and National Travelers Aid people who were also businessmen, clergy, housewives, young single women, all of whom worked day and night without remuneration, "enjoying it immensely." They provided the comfort of way stations to traveling service men and women arriving in Terre Haute by train and bus and awaiting connections to other destinations. In two lounges, one at the Union railroad station and the other adjacent to the bus terminal,

the travelers could loaf, rest, eat and drink.

Ben must have found satisfaction in creating with his new transit committee — Father H. F. Winterhalter, chairman; Mrs. Fred Brengle, secretary; Mrs. Winifred Roach, treasurer; the Rev. A. J. Esperson, Glenn Andrew, Mrs. Max Goodman, Mrs. Daniel Harmon, P. J. Ryan, Charles Kolsem, Robert Nitsche — stopping off places for service personnel that were both useful and attractive. Combining a long standing interest in "improving our communities' living conditions" and in studying "ideas pertaining to the beautification and aesthetic elevation of the city in which we live," (as he wrote in 1921) with a practical bent, social skills, and compassion, Ben infused his committee members with his own enthusiasm for beauty and civic improvement. He molded the group early into a model of organizational efficiency and harmony whose minutes of meetings and other records preserve their clarity of purpose and imaginative working out of the means to achieve it.

In October 1942, after a summer of planning and preparation, Ben reported to the national Transit Service committee in New York concerning the first lounge to be functional, that "shower baths, washstand, partitions, cupboards and electric wiring have all been installed and arranged according to our needs by the joint efforts of the Pennsylvania and C. & E. I. railroads. Carpets and furniture have been donated by interested citizens and these are being put in first class shape by the Youth Administration."

With over 100 trained hostesses, the station lounge opened early in November. Hostesses were supervised by the one paid member of the committee, Cassie Jones Gossom, a graduate of Indiana State Teachers College with experience in both state and county relief work. Her annual salary, paid by the national committee, was \$2,100. (With Cassie's resignation in June

1944, Mrs. Grace Mann, a former public welfare visitor, became supervisor.)

With \$206.69, chiefly from the sale of scrap iron, in the treasury and gifts pouring in from organizations and individuals, the first lounge was off to a good start. By late November, the minutes of the committee record that "fruit for the lounge was being furnished by the various schools and that a schedule for this service has been made up in June. This is being financed by penny contributions from school children. Mrs. Enders reported that St. Mary's and the Army Mothers are furnishing cookies continually. A Sunday School class has volunteered to make Christmas candy and children are bringing Christmas cards for men to use in the lounge."

In the same minutes, it is recorded that discussion took place regarding the opening of a second lounge in the abandoned filling station at Sixth and Cherry. Father Winterhalter informed the committee that the owner had agreed to allow them free use of the building.

Ben takes the matter up with the New York office, not failing to mention his admiration for the building and its aesthetic potential. He writes, "The committee feel it highly desirable and practical ... frequently the bus station is so full and crowded that service men and others are forced to stand out in the rain. Seating conditions are so bad they are sometimes not able to find a seat for many hours. The building we are considering for a lounge is a very artistic stone building, which is just the right size for our purpose."

Having secured approval by the New York office and the willingness of Cassie Gossom to supervise the second lounge without additional pay, Ben worked behind the scenes to make the building habitable, sending off letters to the Indiana Gas Utilities Co. and the U.S. War Production Board. Finally, he signed the lease, for the duration.

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The minutes preserve a record of the action and community cooperation that followed: "Mr. Kolsem, who has donated heaters for the new lounge, reported the Citizens Gas Co. will install the heating system and the Indiana Gas and Chemical Co. will provide the gas. Mr. Blumberg stated Mr. Tom Little, contractor, will donate his time and supervise the necessary alterations for the lounge. Eight or 10 carpenters will give one day's time for renovation of the building. It was moved by Mr. Blumberg that Mrs. Carl Wolf be authorized to spend up to \$500 for appropriate furnishings. It was suggested (surely by Ben) that a fence be built around the premises and an electric sign be placed above the building."

It must have been a juggling act, turning from one lounge to the other. To the first lounge transients were arriving in large numbers.

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## Rescued From Lake Michigan

The son of a prominent Terre Haute attorney is apparently suffering no lasting ill effects from a 16-hour ordeal in the chilly waters of Lake Michigan Tuesday and Wednesday.

Twenty-nine-year-old Benjamin Blumberg, 29, son of Morris Blumberg, 809 S. Center St., was scheduled to be released from Wesley Memorial Hospital in Chicago Friday, according to his father.

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He was confined to the hospital's intensive care unit with his body temperature  $6\frac{1}{2}$  degrees below normal, after spending 16 hours in the lake following a boating accident.

A companion, Ernest Hamel, Chicago, was also dumped into the water, but he was picked up shortly after the accident by a passing sailboat.

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Blumberg floated throughout the night Tuesday in a life jacket using a sweater over his head to protect himself from strong winds and heavy waves. He was in the water from 3 p.m. Tuesday until 6:40 a.m. Wednesday, when he was rescued by Coast Guard searchers.

He is a graduate student in biochemistry at the University of Chicago.

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Blumberg Benjamin

Memorial

~~T.H. old Age.~~

Plaque for

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Blumberg

Biography (T.H.)

The Indiana State Commission on Aged and Aging is making a survey on housing for the aged. The purpose of this survey is to record the ways and means that recent improvements in housing for the aged have been motivated and accomplished.

Representatives of the state commission will be in Terre Haute Sept. 8 to gather information. Persons knowledgeable of the senior citizen housing situation have been invited to attend a luncheon in the Colonial Room of Hulman Center.

During the noon luncheon, the state commission will present a plaque in memory of Ben Blumberg to Mrs. Blumberg. The plaque will be hung in a prominent place in the Wabash Senior Citizens Center.

Information gathered by the state group will be combined in booklet form for communities wishing to create new housing, new nursing homes and other facilities for the aged.

Groups invited to attend the luncheon include Guy Belzile, director of Meadows Manor Nursing Home; Otto Braunschweiger, executive director,

Wabash Senior Citizens; Kirby Smith, Terre Haute Housing Authority; James Woodard, Terre Haute Area Chamber of Commerce housing committee; Golby Uhler, Department of Urban Renewal; Mrs. Mary A. Banks, Council on Aged and Aging; Robert Pfister, Realtors Association; Kermit Nees, president, Wabash Senior Citizens Center, and James Conover, Commission on Aged and Aging.

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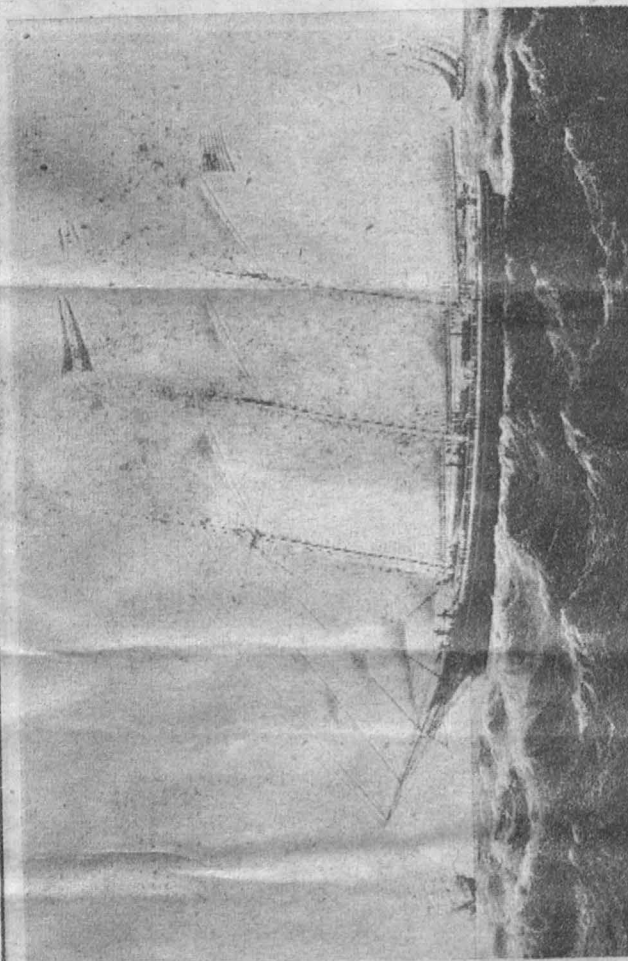
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*Blumberg Family*

The Star, Terre Haute, Ind., Tuesday, December 7,



**BLUMBERG MEMORIAL.** — This American oil on canvas, painted by William G. Yorke in 1878, was acquired by the board of the Sheldon Swope Art Gallery as a memorial to the late Benjamin Blumberg. The painting depicts the schooner Hannah McLoon. It will be on special exhibition at the gallery through next Sunday and will then be placed in the permanent exhibition of 19th Century American paintings at the gallery.

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## Swope Gallery Has Memorial To B. Blumberg

As a memorial to the late Benjamin Blumberg, the board of the Sheldon Swope Art Gallery announces the acquisition of an art work of special significance.

It is a maritime painting depicting the schooner Hannah McLoon and was executed in 1878 by the American artist William G. Yorke.

Blumberg served for more than five years as a member of the board of overseers of the gallery. His interests in art were varied but most especially he was dedicated to the American theme.

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Howard E. Wooden, director of Swope Gallery, comments that "this work is indeed a fitting tribute to Mr. Blumberg. It is competently rendered and glorifies an important epoch in American life."

The work splendidly illustrates the interest in marine subject matter so widespread in American 19th Century painting. Centered in the foreground of the canvas is the schooner itself, surrounded by a restlessly swollen sea. Extraordinary attention is given to detail. Atop the ship, three flags wave, one the U.S. flag, a second carrying the name of the ship "Hannah McLoon", and a third bearing the initials "EBK", designating the name of the owner, L. B. Keen and Company of Rockland, Me., for which the ship had been built in 1874, four years before the painting itself was executed.

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The Blumberg Memorial will be on special display in the gallery lobby through next Sunday and thereafter will be placed in the permanent exhibition of 19th Century American paintings.

The Sheldon Swope Art Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, noon until 5 p.m., on Sunday from 2 until 5 p.m., and on Tuesday evening from 7 until 9:30 p.m. The gallery is closed regularly on Monday. Admission is free at all times. Guided tours for groups may be arranged by appointment. For information, one may call 232-2180.

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## Clinton Hosts District 10 B&PW Meeting

*Biography, T.H.*  
Dr. Betty Foster Blumberg, 4003 Hulman St., was elected Director of District 10, Indiana Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, at the annual meeting in Clinton Sunday. She will succeed Mrs. Hazel McDermont, Brazil, who is currently serving her second term.

Mrs. Helen Johnston, Greencastle was elected vice director, and Mrs. Mary Giffel, Terre Haute, was named secretary-treasurer.

Five young women participated in the Young Career contest which was won by Mrs. Vickie Wey, Brazil. The other girls were Susan Parker, Terre Haute Club, Kathy Slusser, Vigo Club, Carolyn Williams, Bloomfield and Barbara Rish, Linton.

Dr. Blumberg has been a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club since 1934. In 1948 she was manager for Sally Butler, International President of B&PW Clubs, in Europe. From 1950-67 she was director of Educational Tours with credit offered by both Indiana University and Indiana State University except for World Tours in 1956 and 1966.

She graduated from Central High School, Columbus, Ind., John Herron Art School as a scholarship student; Indiana University, did graduate study in Cambridge University, England and graduate study at the Art Institute of Chicago.

Dr. Blumberg was Associate Professor of Art from 1950 to 1966 when she was married to the late Ben Blumberg. She is self employed as Corporate Officer, Real Estate and Investments.

Some 125 members attended and represented nine clubs in the district.

Miss Ruth Ann Dowdy, Clinton Club president, and Mrs. Hazel McDermont, District Director, presided. Mrs. Hazel Montgomery, state treasurer, was guest speaker.



DR. BETTY FOSTER BLUMBERG

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**Scores Attend**  
**Tea Honoring**  
**Dr. Blumberg** X

Approximately 100 people attended the tea given last Sunday afternoon in the Woman's Department Club clubhouse on S. 6th St. by the Terre Haute Business and Professional Women's Club in honor of Dr. Betty Foster Blumberg.

The tea honored Dr. Blumberg following her recent election to the directorship of District 10 of the Indiana Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

Among the special guests present were Mrs. Helen Blaker, Gary, president of the Indiana BPW Federation; Mrs. Eula Lightfoot, Kokomo, state president-elect; Mrs. Vera Helmerick, Gary, state corresponding secretary; Mrs. Margaret Cooper, Linton, former editor of the official state federation magazine "Hoosier Business Woman"; Mrs. Lucia K. Bolt, Brazil, chairman of the Nike/Samathra Committee, and Mrs. Mabel Kidwell, Brazil, past state president.

There were also special guests present from Columbus and Chicago, and special representations from BPW Clubs in Greencastle, Kokomo, Linton and the Vigo County BPW Club.

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## Blumberg-Polley wedding

Dr. Betty Foster Blumberg of Bloomington, and Howard F. Polley, M.D. of Rochester, Minn., announce their coming marriage on April 24. The family ceremony will take place at the Christ United Methodist Church of Rochester with the Rev. Winfield Haycock officiating.

The bride-elect is a trustee of Indiana University, and a member of the board of directors of Blue Cross of Indiana, the Indiana Committee for the Humanities and the Indiana Public Broadcasting Society. She is a former president of the Indiana Women's Political Caucus. She taught fine arts at both Indiana University and Indiana State University and earlier in her career was chairman of the art department at Manual Training High School, Indianapolis.

Dr. Polley is a senior consultant at

the Mayo Clinic and served as the first chairman of the Division of Rheumatology in which field he is internationally recognized. He is a past president of the American Rheumatism Association. In 1951, he received a special citation from the Association for his participation with Hench, Kendall and Slocumb in the clinical development of cortisone which work was awarded the 1950 Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine.

Dr. Polley is a trustee of Ohio Wesleyan University and secretary-general for the International League Against Rheumatism and a member of the National Arthritis Advisory Board of the National Institute of Health.

They will reside in Bloomington and Rochester.

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Blumberg, Benjamin



BENJAMIN BLUMBERG

## Benjamin Blumberg Services Set Monday

Funeral services for Benjamin Blumberg, 82, noted Terre Haute financier and philanthropist, who died Thursday evening at the Daniel Freeman Hospital, Inglewood, Calif., will be at 11 a.m. Monday, May 3, at the Callahan Funeral Home where friends may call from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 2.

The Rabbi William Benjamin of the United Hebrew Congregation will conduct the services Monday and interment will be in the family mausoleum at Highland Lawn Cemetery.

Blumberg and his wife left Terre Haute on April 24 to visit with relatives in California and were to join a Rotary Club pre-convention tour and then attend the Rotary International

Club convention in Sidney, Australia, May 16-19. Blumberg was hospitalized April 26 with pneumonia and suffered a cardiac attack prior to his death at 8:52 p.m. Thursday (April 29).

Besides his wife, the former Dr. Betty Foster who was an Indiana State University art professor prior to their marriage, Blumberg is survived by four children, Morris Blumberg, Terre Haute; Mrs. Haskell Norman, Ross, Calif.; Mrs. Stanley Hoffman, Beverly Hills, Calif.; and Mrs. Victor Tatelman, Miami; twelve grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Honorary pallbearers are Nelson Cohen, Beecher, Cromwell, the Reverend Theodore Grob, Patrick O'Leary, Dr. John A. Logan, Dr. Alan C. Rankin, and Sidney Levin, all of Terre Haute, and Dr. William E. Kerstetter, Greencastle.

The son of the late Max and Theresa Blumberg, long-time Terre Haute residents, Blumberg was born in Terre Haute on April 22, 1889. He had been graduated from DePauw University in 1910 and had earned the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Chicago Law School in 1913. He joined his father's personal loan business, Security Loan Company, in 1917, and he

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gradually accepted active direction of the business. His father died at the age of 78 in 1936.

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In 1954, the loan company with local offices in the Star Building, operated 44 offices—35 in Indiana, six in Illinois, and three in Ohio. Blumberg was active with the company until it merged with Seaboard Finance in 1958. His other business associations included a directorship of Highland Iron and Steel, Inc., Merchants National Bank, and chairmanship of M. Blumberg Company and Affiliates. He had served as a director of the Indiana Association of Installment Credit Corporations, Inc., and of the Illinois Consumer Finance Association. Through his instigation and financial help, Indiana was one of the first states to develop the Blue Cross plan.

Blumberg had given unselfishly of his time, counsel, service, and financial assistance to civic, educational, charitable, and cultural organizations. He materially assisted in the establishment of the Senior Citizens Center of Terre Haute, and in memory of his first wife, Fannie Burgheim Blumberg who died in 1964, he had donated funds for construction of a library in Shderot, Israel. He financially contributed to a half dozen colleges and universities including Indiana State Univer-

sity and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology where residence halls bear his family name. He was awarded honorary Doctor of Law degrees by Rose-Hulman in 1967 and by ISU in 1968. He is an honorary member of the ISU Foundation and had served as a Foundation director for many years.

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The native Terre Hautean was one of two men in the United States to have served his congregation as president for as long as 14 years. He and his wife are sponsors of the planned Heart Center at Union Hospital and have been among those active in the Katherine Hamilton Mental Health project.

In civic, service, charitable, and other organizations, he had held many offices. He was an honorary president of the Vigo County Boy Scouts of America, honorary vice president of the Indiana Blue Cross Hospital Association, former Terre Haute Haute chairman of USO, secretary of the Terre Haute Boys Club, treasurer of the Terre Haute Community Chest, and a director of the Terre Haute Young Men's Christian Association, Wabash Valley Fair Association, Vigo County Civic Association, and the Swope Art Gallery. Among his other positions were board member of the Terre Haute Park Commission, director of the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce, and past president of the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce. He was a past director of the Vigo County Civilian Defense, a former board member of the Indiana War Fund, and he had served as a Redevelopment Trustee at the request of the Mayor of Terre Haute.

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A past president of the United Hebrew Congregation and B'nai B'rith Lodge, he held memberships in the Vigo County Bar Association, Indiana State Bar Association, American Bar Association, Free and Accepted Masons, Terre Haute Rotary Club, DePauw Alumni Association, Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, Wabash Valley Pilot's Association, and the Columbia Club of Indiana.

He held an honorary life membership in the Vigo County Historical Society.

In 1963, he was presented a Meritorious Service Citation by the American Legion. He was the recipient of a Service Citation from the Indiana Commission of the Aging and Aged, and in 1968, he was presented the Community Betterment Citation from the Housewives Effort for Local Progress of Terre Haute.

The United Fund of the Wabash Valley presented him the Richard D. Newport Award in 1970 for piloting a new course towards increased participation in the United Fund.

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Unbeknown to him, he was to have been cited as a Paul Harris Fellow at the Rotary International Convention in Australia. The Terre Haute Rotary Club had recommended him for this unique honor for his outstanding civic leadership and dedication to Rotary. Paul Harris Fellows are inducted in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relationships between the peoples of the world. The induction will be made post-humously, and the medallion and certificate of citation will be forwarded later to his wife.

He was one of the founders and financial contributors of the relatively new Community Foundation of the Wabash Valley, a non-profit organization, designed as a local reservoir for contributions to non-charitable and philanthropic organizations and projects contributing to the good of Terre Haute and the Wabash Valley. Grants were made recently to Planned Parenthood and Lighthouse Mission, and several other grants are under consideration by the organization's Board of Directors on which Blumberg had served.

BLUMBERG, BENJAMIN

## We Mourn Ben Blumberg

STAR 5/31/97

In every community there are landmark figures, but never more than a few. Such a human individual was Benjamin Blumberg, who died last Thursday at 82. It is difficult to believe that he has gone, and the gap caused by his passing cannot be completely filled.

It was typical that even as the end came Mr. Blumberg was in Los Angeles on a journey to attend the Rotary International convention at Sydney, Australia, for this was an organization high in his regard and one to which he had given decades of service.

It is difficult, too, to realize that Mr. Blumberg had reached the age of 82, for his outlook was perennially youthful. He constantly looked to the future, not to the past. Every constructive movement of the

community had his support, not only with financial aid, but also with wise advice.

It was a feature of this man that, both through education and experience, he was most sophisticated in the ways of the world, yet he exuded optimism and good humor based on hard good sense.

Establishment of the highly successful Indiana Blue Cross hospital insurance plan was only one of the monuments to his memory. Others were literally too numerous to list here, although most of them appear in the published obituary of the late philanthropist. But there were many others never mentioned, and Mr. Blumberg sought no recognition, unless the use of his name would be of direct help.

As time goes on it will be realized more and more what Ben Blumberg meant to the community, even though there is deep consciousness now of what has been lost.

The community honors him in death. We join his family and many friends in sorrow at his passing, in appreciation of his worth, and pride that he was a member of our community.



## BLUMBERG RESIGNS VICE PRESIDENCY OF BLUE CROSS

3-25-60



Benjamin Blumberg, Terre Haute Businessman, was elected honorary vice president of Blue Cross by the board of directors Thursday following his resignation as vice president of the health care organization.

Blumberg, who was an incorporator of the plan and had served as vice president and director since its inception 15 years ago, now spends much of his time outside of Indiana and finds it almost impossible to attend the many meetings of the executive committee.

In its resolution of appreciation for Blumberg's service the Board cited the long years of effort he had devoted to the plan beginning with the day he furnished the funds that the plan needed to begin business, "without question as to when or how it might be repaid."

The board also expressed the hope that as honorary vice president Blumberg would continue to attend meetings of the board and of the executive committee when convenient for him, and continue to furnish his wise counsel and

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## Blue Cross Group Honors Blumberg

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One of the incorporators of the Blue Cross Plan of Indiana hospitalization insurance organization, and a vice president and director since its inception 15 years ago, Benjamin Blumberg has resigned and has been named an honorary vice president.

Reason given for his resignation was that he now spends much of his time outside the state and finds it almost impossible to attend the meetings of the executive committee.

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Fred A. Loble, Elkhart, vice president of Miles Laboratories, Inc., and a trustee of the Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, was elected to succeed Blumberg as vice president of Blue Cross.

# Ben Blumberg

## Honored by T.H. Star 4/23/66 Congregation

Benjamin Blumberg, honorary president of the United Hebrew Congregation and a past president of the group, was honored during the service Friday night at Temple Israel.

It was the occasion of his 77th birthday and in appreciation of what he has done, for the congregation it presented him with a token gift, a silver breast plate for the Scroll or Torah, the Book of Laws.

Presentation of the gift was made by Robert Schultz, president of the congregation.

The honor was a surprise to Blumberg, known for gifts to the over-all community as well as the Jewish Congregation. Invitations were sent to the members of the congregation and non-members who the congregation felt would be happy to participate in celebration of the recognition of "a man who has made his wealth and personal service a blessing to our community," the invitations said.

Following the worship service and presentation, Mr. Blumberg was honored with a reception on the lower floor of the Temple.

## ROTARY CLUB STAR FETES BLUMBERG

Benjamin Blumberg long-time Rotarian, was given a salute Tuesday by his fellow club members.

During Rotary Club's luncheon session in the Mayflower Room of the Terre Haute House he was presented with a distinguished service plaque designed by D. Omer "Salty" Seamon. Highlights of Blumberg's life surrounded the wording.

Tributes to him were paid by A. N. Levin, J. Kenneth Moulton, Joseph Mackey, John L. Bloxsome, Ewing Miller and John K. Lamb. Dr. James Rent-schler, club president, was master of ceremonies.



BEN BLUMBERG

## Blumberg Blumberg Benjamin Will Address T.H. Star 3/9/68 B'nai B'rith

Ben Blumberg will be the main speaker at a special service honoring past presidents of the Gan Eden Lodge 110 of B'nai B'rith as the local lodge simultaneously celebrates its 100th anniversary and plays host to the 48th state convention of B'nai B'rith April 26-28.

The special service will be at 8:15 p.m., Friday, April 26, and will honor past presidents Dr. Norman Silverman, Dr. Werner Loewenstein, Irving Yonks, Rabbi Bernard M. Cohen, Haskell Schwartz, Max Einstandig, George Rosenfeld, Robert Schultz, Irving Gilmore, Isadore Gurman, Ben Frandzel, Walter Sommers, David Becker, Ben Adelman, Morris Blumberg, Harold Schloss, Melvin Goodman, Morris Lebowitz, Stanley Dreyfus, Edward Chaskin, Ralph Shower, David Rosenfeld and Blumberg.

Blumberg, the oldest living past president of the local lodge, is one of two past presidents of congregations in the United States who held his presidency for 14 years. He has been

## Blumberg Family DR. BLUMBERG

## TO GIVE GALLERY T.H. Star 5/26 PROGRAM SUNDAY

"Color as Doctor, Merchant and Thief" is the title of a lecture to be delivered by Dr. Betty Foster Blumberg at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Swope Art Gallery.

This is the first in a series of gallery talks commemorating the 25th anniversary of the opening of the gallery in 1942.

Dr. Blumberg, a former professor of art on the Indiana State University faculty, was a student under the world-renowned color psychologist, Faber Nirren. She is a native of Columbus, and received her B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from Indiana University. Dr. Blumberg also studied at the John Herron Art Institute, the Chicago Art Institute and at numerous art centers abroad.

In addition to teaching, Dr. Blumberg is both an art critic and an artist. She was the recipient of the Louis Schwitzer award and the J. I. Holcomb prize for painting and is especially well known for her work in calligraphy which has won much attention throughout the United States and abroad and has been exhibited in numerous one man shows and in Buckingham Palace, London.

A gallery reception, sponsored by the Women's Division of the Swope Gallery, will follow Dr. Blumberg's talk on Sunday afternoon. The event will be open to the public.

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**Ben Blumberg Will Receive**  
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**Honorary ISU Law Degree**

Benjamin Blumberg, Terre Haute financier and philanthropist, is one of six persons who will receive honorary degrees from Indiana State University at the 97th commencement of the University.

The Doctor of Laws degree will be conferred on him June 2 at the 6 p.m. ceremonies to be held on the campus quadrangle.

A native Terre Hautean, Blumberg not only has been active in the business community throughout his long career but has assisted in the organization and financial support of civic, educational and religious institutions. After earning the baccalaureate degree from DePauw University in 1910 and the law degree from Chicago Law School in 1913, he joined the personal loan business established by his father and directed it for more than 45 years.

Through his instigation and financial help, Indiana became one of the first states to develop

the Blue Cross insurance plan, and he is honorary vice president of the Indiana Blue Cross Hospital Association. His business interests are varied. He



**BENJAMIN BLUMBERG**

has served as a director of the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce, the Terre Haute Chamber, Highland Iron and Steel Inc., Merchants National Bank, Indiana Association of Installment Credit Corporations Inc., Illinois Consumer Finance Association and M. Blumberg Company and Affiliates.

Blumberg's interests in higher education have been recognized through his substantial financial gifts to a half dozen institutions including Indiana State University and Rose Polytechnic Institute, both of which have residence halls that carry his family name. He presently is financing the construction of a library in the desert of Israel and he and Mrs. Blumberg are sponsors of a planned heart center at Union Hospital here.

Among the many civic organizations he has supported through service and financial aid are the Boy Scouts, the

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YMCA, Wabash Valley Fair Association, Junior Achievement, Swope Art Gallery, USO, Boys Club, Community Chest, Vigo County Civilian Defense, Terre Haute Park Commission and

Vigo County Civic Association.

His professional affiliations include the Vigo County Bar Association, Indiana State Bar and American Bar Associations. Blumberg maintains memberships in the Free and Accepted Masons, Terre Haute Rotary Club, DePauw Alumni Association, Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity and the Columbia Club of Indianapolis. He is a past president of the United Hebrew Congregation—one of two men in the United States to have served his congregation as president for 14 years—and of B'nai B'rith Lodge. He also is a member of the Wabash Valley Pilots

Association, having received his pilot's license at the age of 50. Rose Polytechnic awarded him an honorary degree in 1967.

Blumberg is the father of four children, the grandfather of 12. He is married to the former Dr. Betty Foster who was a professor of art at Indiana State before their marriage.

Also receiving honorary degrees from Indiana State will be Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, president of Valparaiso University; M. R. McArthur, president and chairman of the board of Rimrock Tideland Inc., Shreveport, La.; John W. Macy Jr., chairman of the United States Civil

Service Commission; Sister Marie Perpetua, S. P., retiring president of St. Mary - of - the Woods College, and Samuel R. Sutphin, chairman of the board of Beveridge Paper Company Indianapolis.



# Blumberg BENJAMIN Present Plaque Honoring Ben Blumberg

By FRANCES E. HUGHES  
Star Staff Writer

Representatives of organizations relating to the aged and aging met at noon Wednesday in the Silver Room of Hulman Center to present information on local housing for senior citizens to the Indiana State Commission on Aged and Aging.

The meeting was called by Sidney Levin, commissioner-at-large and vice chairman of the commission.

Preceding the luncheon session, Dr. George Davis, executive director of the Indiana State Commission on Aged and Aging, presented a plaque from that organization to Mrs. Ben Blumberg in memory of the late Mr. Blumberg.

Mrs. Blumberg, in turn, presented the plaque to Kermit Nees, president of the board of directors of Wabash Senior Citizens Center. The plaque will be hung in the center, which was purchased by Blumberg for use as a senior citizens center.

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The plaque read: "'Tis Far Better to Give Than Receive'. Such was the philosophy of Ben Blumberg. All senior citizens of the State of Indiana honor his beloved memory."

Also present for the plaque

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**PLAQUE PRESENTED**—Following presentation of a plaque in memory of Ben Blumberg by Dr. George Morris, executive director of the Indiana State Commission on Aged and Aging, to Mrs. Blumberg, the plaque was passed on to Kermit Nees, president of the board of Wabash Senior Citizens Center, to

be placed in the center. At the ceremony were reading left to right: Kermit Nees, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Blumberg, Mrs. Ben Blumberg and Sidney Levin, representing local senior citizens board. (Photo by Kadel)

## Blumberg

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presentation were Blumberg's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Blumberg. In making the presentation, Dr. Davis stressed Blumberg's service to the community and his love of his fellow men. Levin also spoke of reverence for Blumberg on behalf of local senior citizens.

Following luncheon, Dr. Davis told about the White House Conference to be called by President Richard Nixon for November for review of problems of the aged. He mentioned housing, nutrition, employment, etc., as among these problems. Also, he said the state is interested in pre-retirement counseling, the place of the church in aging and concepts on aging to be passed on to students.

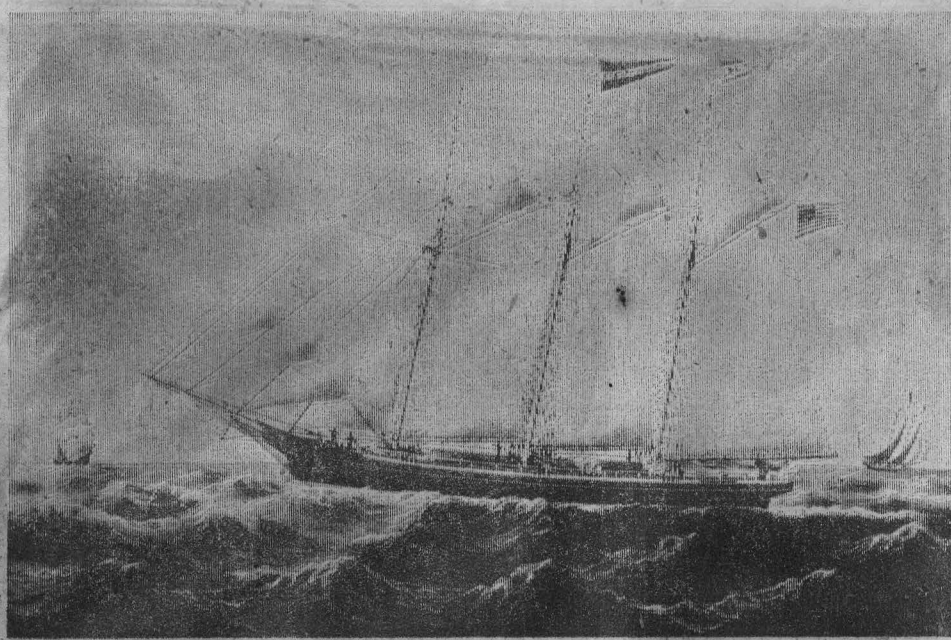
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The survey on housing to be compiled for presentation at the White House conference is being made in 13 places in Indiana. They are Terre Haute, Columbus, Valparaiso, Freelandville, Jasonville, Odon, Wadesville, Greensburg, Charleston, Moroc-

co, Berne, Angola and Huntingburg.

Mrs. Helen Chaney, associated with the Indiana State Commission on Aged and Aging, will compile the information obtained from these places. It was stressed that the housing story is different in each place as some are financed entirely by people of the community and others partly by federal loans and other methods.

Local representatives present to add to the information on needs, problems, financing, etc., were Levin, Nees, Otto Braunschweiger, director of Wabash Senior Citizens Center; Golby Uhlir, Urban Renewal; James Woodard, Chamber of Commerce housing committee; Guy Belzile, director of Meadows Manor; Robert Pfister, chairman of Realtors Association; Kirby Smith, Housing Authority; James Conover, Commission on Aged and Aging, and Mrs. Mary Alice Banks, Vigo County Council on Aged and Aging.



**BLUMBERG MEMORIAL** — This American oil on canvas, painted by William G. Yorke in 1878, was acquired by the board of the Sheldon Swope Art Gallery as a memorial to the late Benjamin Blumberg. The painting depicts the schooner Hannah McLoon. It will be on special exhibition at the gallery through next Sunday and will then be placed in the permanent exhibition of 19th Century American paintings at the gallery.

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## Swope Gallery Has Memorial To B. Blumberg

As a memorial to the late Benjamin Blumberg, the board of the Sheldon Swope Art Gallery announces the acquisition of an art work of special significance.

It is a maritime painting depicting the schooner Hannah McLoon and was executed in 1878 by the American artist William G. Yorke.

Blumberg served for more than five years as a member of the board of overseers of the gallery. His interests in art were varied but most especially he was dedicated to the American theme.

Howard E. Wooden, director of Swope Gallery, comments that "this work is indeed a fitting tribute to Mr. Blumberg. It is competently rendered and glorifies an important epoch in American life."

The work splendidly illustrates the interest in marine subject matter so widespread in American 19th Century painting. Centered in the foreground of the canvas is the schooner itself, surrounded by a restless

ly swollen sea. Extraordinary attention is given to detail. Atop the ship, three flags wave, one the U.S. flag, a second carrying the name of the ship "Hannah McLoon", and a third bearing the initials "LBK", designating the name of the owner: L. B. Keen and Company of Rockland, Me., for which the ship had been built in 1874, four years before the painting itself was executed.

The Blumberg Memorial will be on special display in the gallery lobby through next Sunday and thereafter will be placed in the permanent exhibition of 19th Century American paintings.

The Sheldon Swope Art Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday, noon until 5 p.m., on Sunday from 2 until 5 p.m., and on Tuesday evening from 7 until 9:30 p.m. The gallery is closed regularly on Monday. Admission is free at all times. Guided tours for groups may be arranged by appointment. For information, one may call 232-2180.

Blumberg, Morris B.

*T.H. Biography*  
**Morris Blumberg Becomes**  
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**Associate Of TH Law Firm**

New associate in the firm of Cox, Zwerner, Gambill & Sullivan is Morris B. Blumberg, who was admitted to the Indiana bar in ceremonies Wednesday in the Indiana Supreme Court and to the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana, by Judge Cale J. Holder.

Blumberg, who was associated with local financial interests for about 25 years after his graduation from Harvard College with a B.S. degree in sociology, entered the Indiana University Law School in the summer of 1964 and completed his work last January. He will receive the LL.B. degree in June.

Last summer he spent six weeks in Luxembourg at the Universite Internationale de Sciences Comparees studying continental legal systems with lawyers from 15 countries.

He and his wife, the former Dorothy Mautner, a Barnard College graduate, lived in Rensselaer, Ind., for a time following



MORRIS B. BLUMBERG

their marriage. He opened the first licensed loan office in Jasper County at the suggestion of the Department of Financial Institutions, expanding to adjacent Newton and Benton coun-

ties before moving to Terre Haute.

In addition to his financial interests, he also has spent a great deal of time in work on his general farm east of the city.

He was executive vice president and treasurer of Security Loan Co., Inc., from 1945 to 1957 and vice president of Seaboard Finance Co., 1957 to 1964. He resigned the latter position when the Terre Haute executive office, then charged with 60 branches in the states of Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, was merged with the Chicago executive office.

He continues as a director of Seaboard and also is a director of the Merchants National Bank of Terre Haute and the Indiana State University Foundation.

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Following his giving up his office association with Seaboard, he decided to enter the IU Law School and satisfy a lifetime interest in the legal profession. He also followed in the footsteps of his father, Benjamin Blumberg, who studied law at the University of Chicago after receiving the baccalaureate degree from DePauw University.

Blumberg has served on the

board of the Family Service Association, Union Hospital, YMCA, United Fund, Chamber of Commerce and Indiana Consumer Finance Association. He is a past president of the Jaycees and a recipient of its Distinguished Service Award.

He attended Cruft and Hulman School and was graduated from Wiley High School, where he was active in debate and edited "The Wileyan."

Mr. and Mrs. Blumberg have three children: Benjamin Mautner Blumberg, a biochemist in the Michel Reese Hospital Research Laboratories in Chicago; Kathryn Ann, a junior at Washington University in St. Louis, and Ellen Louise, a sophomore in Pomona College, Claremont, Calif.

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**\$63,000 BLUMBERG BEQUEST TO INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY** — Designated to benefit exceptional children and art student travel, a bequest from the estate of the late Benjamin Blumberg of Terre Haute, was presented to the Indiana State University Foundation this week. Shown, from left, are Dr. Alan C. Rankin, ISU president; Mrs. Benjamin Blumberg, a former ISU Art Department faculty member; Howard E. Potter, president of the Merchants National Bank of Terre Haute; Whitney J. Engeran, Jr., ISU Art Department chairman; and Dr. Rutherford B. Porter, ISU Special Education Department chairman.